

You have granted me licenses to modulate noise into a portion of spectrum. For that right I have risked millions of dollars and have attempted to provide the citizens of central Virginia a forum on issues that have impact on their lives. My stations maintain a local news department, and produces over fifteen hours per week of public affairs programs. The guests on our local programs over the last year include Senator George Allen, Virginia Governor Mark Warner, US Representatives Virgil Goode, Bob Goodlatte and John Linder, numerous state senators and representatives, local city council members, school superintendents, public safety officials, health care providers, candidates for most local elected positions and hundreds of others too numerous to mention. We are good local broadcasters that serve the public interest. All of my time is devoted to maintaining and building my business. I have been in the radio business for 34 years and I am more concerned now with the uncertainty of the impact of federal regulations on my business than at any time in the past. The latest proposal of rulemaking requiring broadcasters to tape and archive programming is, in my opinion, a gross overreaction to the Superbowl "wardrobe malfunction" and a few "shock jocks" in radio formats, that target 18-24 year old males. The result of the proposed rulemaking will put an undue hardship on small broadcasting companies. The hardship will be financial and a distraction to station management whose time and resources will be better allocated to improving their product and competing in the highly fragmented marketplace. The proposed rule will likely also have the unintended result of inhibiting free speech and a open dialogue on issues. Who will have access to these archives? Will a comment made in an exchange of views find its way into a future political attack ad, perhaps years later? Regulations have unintended consequences. I urge you to reject this proposed rule.

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